

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
SUPERVISOR OF WELLS

IN THE MATTER OF

THE PETITION OF CORE ENERGY, LLC, FOR AN)	
ORDER FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF WELLS)	
APPROVING A PLAN OF UNITIZATION FOR PRESSURE)	
MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCED AND/OR SECONDARY)	CAUSE NO. 09-2013
RECOVERY OF OIL, GAS, AND RELATED)	
HYDROCARBONS, AND ABROGATING EXISTING)	
SPACING AND PRORATION ORDERS AND RULES IN)	
PARTS OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP, OTSEGO COUNTY,)	
MICHIGAN.)	

at a session of the Department of Environmental Quality held
at Lansing, Michigan, Harold R. Fitch, Assistant Supervisor
of Wells, Presiding

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE


The Petitioner, Core Energy, LLC, filed its Petition for unitization and secondary recovery of the Chester 16 Pool on June 25, 2013. Upon review by the Supervisor and his staff, the Petition was found acceptable under both R 324.1202 of Part 615, Supervisor of Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA); and MCL 324.61703 of Part 617, Unitization, of the NREPA. Subsequently, a hearing was scheduled on August 22, 2013, in Lansing, Michigan, at 1:30 p.m. On July 24, 2013, Mr. Stanley J. Stek, Attorney for the Respondent, Merit Energy Company, filed a Notice of Appearance, Notice of Protest, and Request for Prehearing Conference, asking to convert the August 22, 2013, hearing date to a prehearing conference. On July 29, 2013, Mr. James R. Neal, Attorney for Petitioner, filed an Answer in Opposition to Request to Adjourn, requesting the Supervisor hold the hearing on August 22, 2013, as scheduled.

I find that as the Respondent's argument for converting the hearing to a prehearing conference is based on inadequate factual information contained in the Petition, and having determined the Petition to be satisfactory under both Parts 615 and 617, of the NREPA, the Request for a Prehearing Conference is DENIED.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The hearing on Cause No. 09-2013 is reconfirmed for August 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.
2. By no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013, both Petitioner and Respondent shall serve on each other, all proposed hearing exhibits and the identity of all witnesses, including a resume for each witness.

Dated: Aug. 7, 2013


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